



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2010

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Lisa Meyer
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN

Vote for not
for three years more than TWO

PETER S. BOLSTER 558 ●

R. LORING CARR 663 ●

R. VIRGEL MACDONALD 498 ○

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

NANCY MERRILL 951 ●

(Write-in) ○

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

H. JOHN POHAS JR 407 ●

MICHAEL GAWLICKI 359 ○

(Write-in) ○

MODERATOR

Vote for not
for two years more than ONE

MARK A. NORTHRIDGE 912 ●

(Write-in) ○

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

RAYMOND HOWARD JR 419 ●

RAYMOND JOHNSON 215 ○

EDWARD LYONS 233 ○

(Write-in) ○

WATER COMMISSIONER

Vote for not
for three years more than ONE

EDWARD "BUDDY" PETERSON 58 ●

(Write-in) ○

WATER COMMISSIONER

Vote for not
for two years more than ONE

MALCOM "MAL" SIMONDS 510 ●

ROBERT TILTON 289 ○

(Write-in) ○

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not
for three years more than TWO

GREG FULLER 14 ●

STEVE PARKER 10 ●

(Write-in) ○

4,031 CHECKLIST
34 NEW VOTERS
4,065

1,124 VOTES CAST
27%

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not
for three years more than TWO

TIMOTHY ROY 732 ●

THOMAS C. HOOPES 709 ●

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not
for two years more than ONE

DAVID M. COLLIER 777 ●

(Write-in) ○

SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST

Vote for not
for six years more than ONE

NANCY MERRILL 3 ●

(Write-in) ○

ZONING BOARD

Vote for not
for three years more than TWO

LOU LACOURSE 580 ●

TIMOTHY MORGAN 658 ●

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

ZONING BOARD

Vote for not
for two years more than ONE

STEPHEN MILLER 706 ●

(Write-in) ○

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300, Section 330, Elderly Housing to decrease the allowable dwelling units per dwelling structure from four (4) to three (3) dwelling units per structure. **Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the current Elderly Housing ordinance and clarify existing language.**

YES ●
NO ○

ARTICLE 3: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300, Section 330:5.4; "Overall density of elderly housing developments shall not exceed 3 dwelling units per acre excluding wetlands and steep slopes." and replace with "Overall density of elderly housing developments shall not exceed 3 dwelling structures per acre excluding wetlands, steep slopes, and roadways". **Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the current Elderly Housing ordinance and clarify existing language.**

YES ●
NO ○

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281

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 4: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300 to include Section 332: Sexually Oriented Business (full text can be viewed in the Planning Department). Rationale: It is the purpose of this amendment to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses and related activities to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Alton and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious location and concentration of Sexually Oriented Businesses within the Town of Alton. The provisions of this Ordinance have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Without this, sexually oriented business is unrestricted and allowed in all zones.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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205

ARTICLE 5: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 500 Section 520:D Special Exception to include "Sexually Oriented Businesses" as specific required criteria to be granted a Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to Planning Board approval. Rationale: To clearly establish required criteria of being granted a Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to developing any sexually oriented business within the town.

YES ☒
NO ☐

794
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ARTICLE 6: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 400, Section 401 Permitted Uses: Table of Uses to allow Sexually Oriented Business in the Recreational Service Zone by Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustments as well as Site Plan approval through the Planning Board. Rationale: To restrict Sexually Oriented Business within the Recreational Service zone. Without this, sexually oriented business is unrestricted.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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223

ARTICLE 7: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 400 Section 463:A:2; Restrictions Governing Use to amend "Duplexes and Multi-family dwellings must have a minimum of one acre per unit" and amend it to read "Duplexes and Multi-family dwelling structures must have a minimum of one acre per dwelling unit with no more than five (5) dwelling units per dwelling structure to comply with the July 2009 implementation of Workforce Housing Act RSA 874:58-61, Chapter 299 (SB 342) "and to remove the language "and no more than one duplex or multi-family dwelling per lot".

And to include the examples:

Example:

1 dwelling structure with up to 5 dwelling units requires a minimum of 5 acres (excluding steep slopes, wetlands, and roadways).

Multi-family:

15 acre parcel = 3 dwelling structures with up to 5 dwelling units each totaling 15 dwelling units.

100 acre parcel = 20 dwelling structures with up to 5 dwelling units each totaling 100 dwelling units.

Duplex:

9 acre parcel = 4 dwelling structures with 2 dwelling units each totaling 8 dwelling units.

10 acre parcel = 5 dwelling structures with 2 dwelling units each totaling 10 dwelling units.

Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen and clarify the existing language of the ordinance.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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270

ARTICLE 8: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200 Definitions, to amend the definition "Dwelling Unit: One room or group of rooms, constituting a separate independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, rental, or lease; located within a dwelling structure and physically separated from any other dwelling unit which may be in the same dwelling structure, forming a single habitable dwelling unit with facilities used or intended to be used by a single family for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating." Rationale: To clarify the difference between a dwelling structure and a dwelling unit.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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209

ARTICLE 9: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200 Definitions, to include a definition "Dwelling Structure: any enclosed space wholly or partly; which may contain one or more dwelling units; used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating. Rationale: To further clarify the difference between a dwelling structure and a dwelling unit.

YES ☒
NO ☐

800
190

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds, These funds have no balance or interest.

Town buildings 1987
Library Additions 1993
Fire Department Radios 1999
Portable Pump 2000
(Majority Vote Required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

912
121

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$103,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping three police vehicles to be funded by a grant in the amount of (\$19,235.00) and from the fund balance in the amount of (\$84,265) with no amount to be raised from taxation. This purchase would replace three existing vehicles that have exceeded their mechanical limits for police purposes. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 31:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0). (A majority vote is required)]

YES ☒
NO ☐

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

842
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ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

595
477

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (A majority vote is required)

YES ☐
NO ☒

399
660

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

762
308

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** for the purpose of leasing/purchasing /equipping a truck with an aluminum utility body and to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$10,000.00)** for the first years lease payment for that purpose. The lease/purchase agreement shall contain an escape (non appropriation) clause. The total amount of this appropriation shall be borne by the water system rate payers and not by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 31:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2013. This article was submitted by the Water Commissioners. [Recommended by Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)]. (A majority vote is required).

YES ☒
NO ☐

607
464

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. The purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund is to fund maintenance equipment for the grounds, and parks and sidewalks snow removal. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

697
383

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding a Milfoil Treatment Program and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00)** to be placed in this fund. And to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Milfoil Treatment Capital Reserve Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

804
270

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Senior Center Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintaining, improving and expanding the senior center facility located on Pearson Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** to be placed in this Fund. And to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Senior Center Capital Reserve Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

792
286

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Six Million Eight Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$6,008,103.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Six Million Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$6,025,816.00)**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$128,597.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$128,597.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31:85c for the purpose of funding the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies & equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐870
186

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00)** for the replacement/upgrade of the fire boat from one engine to two engines as recommended by the Dealer, to be funded from the fund balance in the amount of \$28,000 and no amount to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 31:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Recommended by Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)]. (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐607
446

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐729
316

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve and to be funded in the amount of (\$50,000.00) from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐713
322

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$175,049.85. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐716
330

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$8,996.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐861
195

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$7,951.00)** for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐873
179

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐887
166

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$2,280.00)** for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provides disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐785
271

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities and housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐847
203

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$284.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐857
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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operates a shelter and provides counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

765
319

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

712
360

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

927
152

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

862
214

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00)** for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

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459

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Child and Family Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

770
303

ARTICLE 38: To see if the voters will support the development of a non-motorized bike/walking recreational trail along the town property from Depot Road to Route 28 by the traffic light. The project material cost would be funded by donations and labor a combination of volunteers and town resources. (A majority vote is required)

YES ☒
NO ☐

613
471

ARTICLE 39: We the undersigned, being voters in the Town of Alton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen of said town to place the following article on the warrant for the 2010 annual meeting:

YES ☒
NO ☐

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306

"To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Beach capital reserve of \$25,000. by expanding its use to allow for maintenance of the Town Beach and Harmony Park." (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 40: We the undersigned, being voters in the Town of Alton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen of said town to place the following article on the warrant for the 2010 annual meeting:

YES ☐
NO ☒

351
710

"Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen?" If the majority vote in the affirmative then the delegation shall take effect 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 41: We, the following duly registered voters in the Town of Alton, do hereby respectfully submit the following question to be acted upon by the voters of said town at the next annual election:

YES ☒
NO ☐

898
172

"To see if the Town will vote to put into place a restriction that the salaries of the Town Selectmen- including and not limited to Cost of Living Allowances(COLA's) - can only be changed by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting. Such determination will be by written ballot"

ARTICLE 42: We the undersigned registered voters of Alton, New Hampshire hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to include as a Warrant Article at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting the following:

YES ☒
NO ☐

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To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and Senate President.
Resolved: The Citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage"

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING